

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11, 2016
1:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Members Present: Members present included First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Budd Knorr. Also present were CFO Mike Marinaccio, Senior Accountant Brian Wissinger and Tax Collector Sherri Czyz.

2016/2017 Budget Discussion:

The proposed 2016/2017 Budget for the Tax Collector's Office was presented by Tax Collector Sherri Czyz. Discussion followed.

At 1:30pm Mrs. Czyz left the meeting and Operations Manager Kim LaFleur presented the proposed 2016/2017 Budgets for the Selectmen's Office, Information Technology and Employee Benefits. Discussion followed.

Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:

Ms. Pellegrini wished to add the following items: Girl Scout Proclamation and USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant. Mr. Knorr wished to add FOI Policy and Notification Process.

Girl Scout Proclamation:

Ms. Pellegrini received a request from the Girl Scouts of Connecticut requesting the Town participate and recognize the achievements of the Girl Scouts by proclaiming March 12, 2016 as "Girl Scout Day".

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Girl Scout Proclamation request, proclaiming March 12, 2016 as "Girl Scout Day", seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed. See attached proclamation.

USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant:

The Selectmen discussed and agreed that \$5,000 of the USA Hauling Community Outreach Grant will be designated for the Bleachers at Field Road Park and \$2,000 will go into the Town's Emergency Fund.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve allocations of USA Community Outreach Grant funding as follows: \$5,000 to be used to purchase Bleachers at Field Road Park and \$2,000 to be placed in the Town's Emergency Fund, seconded Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

FOI Policy and Notification Process:

Mr. Knorr asked for clarification regarding the FOI Policy and notification process. Ms. Pellegrini stated that there is a policy that all FOI's are forwarded to the Town Clerk's office and requests for information are sent out to the appropriate individuals. The Selectmen do not receive a report regarding total numbers or types of FOI's from the Town Clerk. Questions were asked as to how FOI's are catalogued by type and Ms. Pellegrini did not think that they were catalogued by type. Discussion followed and Mrs. Devlin and Mr. Knorr asked Ms. Pellegrini to request a summary report regarding FOI's and would like them catalogued by type. They also requested a future meeting with the Town Clerk to discuss the FOI process and notification.

Local Traffic Authority – Road Closure:

Ms. Pellegrini received a request for a Road Closure on Saturday, September 17, 2016 for the 17th Annual Somers “Great Escape” Road Race. Field Road will be closed from 7:50 am until 8:40am. The request was reviewed and recommended for approval by Lt. Claudio.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Local Traffic Authority approval for the September 17, 2016 “Great Escape” Road Race, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Boards and Commissions – Resignations and Appointments:**Appointments****Cemetery Committee:**

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Attorney Bonnie Kumiega to the Cemetery Committee with a term expiring on 12.22.20, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Recreation Commission:**Resignations:**

Ms. Pellegrini received notification that Mr. Jose Rodriquez resigned from the Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jose Rodriquez from the Recreation Commission with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Pellegrini informed the Board that Mr. Lou Stetson requested not to be reappointed to the Recreation Commission.

Recreation Commission:**Appointments:**

Ms. Pellegrini made a motion to appoint Mr. Scott Sutter to the Recreation Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.18, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. John Curran to the Recreation Commission with a term expiring on 12.22.18, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Reappointments:**Open Space and Trails Committee:**

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Open Space and Trails Committee: Ann Moses, Richard Bailey, Wes Smith, Shaw Burgmyer, Pat Boudreau, Eric Anderson, Barbara Anderson and Patrice Carson with a terms expiring on 12.22.16, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the Authorization of Scheduled payments in the amount of \$89,606.05, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Transfers/Appropriations: None**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 3:50pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim LaFleur-Recording

Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.